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The Appeal Brief filed on <u>22 August 2003</u> is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c). See MPEP § 1206.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file IN TRIPLICATE a complete new brief in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c) within the longest of any of the following three TIME PERIODS: (1) ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer; (2) TWO MONTHS from the date of the notice of appeal; or (3) within the period for reply to the action from which this appeal was taken. EXTENSIONS OF THESE TIME PERIODS MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.

1. The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 1.192(c), or the items are not under the proper

		head	ding or in the proper order.			
2.			brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, pending or cancelled, or does not identify the ealed claims (37 CFR 1.192(c)(3)).			
3.		At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 1.192(c)(4)).				
4.			brief does not contain a concise explanation of the claimed invention, referring to the specification by page line number and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 1.192(c)(5)).			
5.	\boxtimes	The	brief does not contain a concise statement of the issues presented for review (37 CFR 1.192(c)(6)).			
6.		A si	ngle ground of rejection has been applied to two or more claims in this application, and			
	(a)		the brief omits the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet presents arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.			
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7.		The	brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each issue on appeal (37 CFR 1.192(c)(8)).			
8.		The	brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 1.192(c)(9)).			
9.	\boxtimes	Othe	er (including any explanation in support of the above items):			
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